

UNIFORM INFORMATION FACT SHEET

(Senior Members and Cadets)

1. This fact sheet is used to inform and relay information about the U.S. Air Force uniform you will be wearing. The first thing will be to find out your sizes. If an individual has doubts as to their size. An individual can measure according to the attached charts. Air Force Blue uniform measurement chart attachment 1 and Battle Dress Uniform (BDU) size guide at attachment 2. You will also find a cap and glove size chart at attachment 2. Additional BDU size chart at attachment 3, this will give the individual more information on sizes for the BDU's.
2. As a member of Civil Air Patrol you are authorized to wear a uniform similar to the U.S. Air Force uniform. The difference being that distinctive emblems, insignia, and badges are employed to identify the wearer as a member of Civil Air Patrol. For the proper wear of the uniform consult CAP Manual 39-1 (Civil Air Patrol Uniform Manual).
3. **DRESS AND APPEARANCE:** Civil Air Patrol being the official auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force, all members must be well-groomed and assure that their personal appearance at all times reflects credit upon themselves, Civil Air Patrol, the United States Air Force and the United States of America.
4. When wearing the uniform, it must be clean, neat, correct in design and specifications, properly fitted, and in good condition. Shoes will be shined and in good repair. Ribbons, when worn, will be clean and not frayed.
5. **PLACEMENT OF ACCESSORIES:** For the proper placement of accessories (name tag, ribbons, grade insignia, hat device, etc.) on the service dress, and the battle dress uniform (BDU). Check CAP Manual 39-1, or with the unit personnel officer for assistance. **The Bookstore is the ONLY PLACE you can purchase accessories for the Civil Air Patrol uniform.**
6. **WHERE TO PURCHASE UNIFORMS:** There are several sources where the Civil Air Patrol members can get uniforms:
 - a. **CAP BOOKSTORE:** The bookstore has all uniform items and accouterments, that can be purchased through the current catalog. The bookstore is located at Maxwell Air force Base, Alabama.
 - b. **CIVIL AIR PATROL SUPPLY DEPOT:** Located at Amarillo, Texas has clothing, camping and field gear, personal survival equipment, and pilot gear. These items are announced in the Civil Air Patrol News, which each member get every month.
 - c. **AIR FORCE MILITARY CLOTHING SALES STORE:** Located at Scott Air Force Base, Illinois. A CAP membership card is required to gain entrance to the base, as well as the clothing sales store. Check with the unit personnel officer for operating hours and location at the base.
 - d. **MILITARY SURPLUS STORES:** Uniforms and other military equipment can be found at local military surplus stores.
 - f. **THRIFT SHOP:** Located at Scott Air Force Base in building 855. You can purchase used military uniforms that are in good condition and at bargain prices when the clothing is available. A military or CAP ID card is required to purchase items at the Thrift shop.

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- g. **EXCESS/SURPLUS SUPPLIES:** The Air force makes certain excess /surplus supplies

available to Civil Air Patrol, and in some cases these include clothing items. Members should always check with the unit logistics officer to determine if surplus items are available prior to purchasing uniform items.

7. Remember we (Senior and Cadets) have the added responsibility to set the example in the way we conduct ourselves , and the way we wear our uniform. Be proud of the uniform you volunteered to wear.
LOOK SHARP, BE SHARP!!

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